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REMARKS

Claims 10-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8 were cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that Claims 10-21 were allowed.

Having obviated the Examiner's objections, Applicant hereby seeks an early indication of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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